

(1) Mary Carpenter  
Bristol. Nov 19. 1840.

My dear Mrs Chapman

Your welcome parcel & letter reached me this week, & I need not lose a post in answering you how grateful all our friends are at your kind acknowledgments of their contributions; the copies are inscribed for just the individuals we could wish; one of the spare copies I send to Mr Bath's friends, the other I shall offer to Lady Byron; <sup>or to some useful contributor.</sup> My Mother's will go to Harington. The success of the Bazaar was very gratifying, under the circumstances; the mischance of our Bristol house will perhaps result in good, by awakening interest in a fresh place, so we will comfort ourselves with that reflection, under the request that our own personal friends will not be reminded of us in looking on our work. I am glad that you think that Mr Garrison will like to have one of my drawings; please to select for him the most beautiful & placed,



that hanging over his wall it may now & then  
breath the sweet thoughts of into his mind of  
the love & beauty ~~with~~ which our heavenly  
Father has impressed on this wonderful  
world around us, & that it may tell him  
in some small degree what deep sympathy  
an English woman feels in his devotion  
to the cause of God's children. I greatly  
value his friendship, & esteem it a privilege  
to be personally acquainted with a devoted  
servant of our Lord. You give us  
much pleasure in holding out to us the  
hope that we shall see you face to face in  
this world; - do write & tell me that you  
are coming this summer, & in what month  
you will visit Bristol; - be sure to let  
me know before you go to London or the Continent,  
as we shall have little chance of detaining  
you afterwards, & be sure to appropriate a  
much longer time to Bristol than Ameri-  
cans usually do. - We shall understand  
each other much better after a little  
personal intercourse. I was very glad that



you liked my lines, I should have felt very  
pleased to see them in the Bazaar Gazette  
if my initials only had appeared. I only  
wish that I could inspire into every reader  
of them the deep & earnest feeling which prompted  
them. When I write poetry, it only is because  
I feel that I can express myself more forcibly  
in it than in prose, but I fear sometimes  
lest what I wish to be the condensed expression  
of earnest conviction should be regarded only  
as poetic ornament.

With respect to Eliza B. Wright, I am  
glad to learn from your letter that you,  
as well as Mr. Quincy, are personally  
unacquainted with him. If you know  
him, you would I think understand  
him better, & admire with us the  
devotedness with which he gives his  
heart & powers to the cause of human  
brotherhood. I have seen him frequently,  
& read his books; I have seen nothing in  
his writings of a compromising character,  
& I have heard nothing from him but the



breathings of a most Christian spirit.  
I cannot call him vain or inflated. He  
gives us milk & not strong meat, he has  
followed the apostolic direction carefully in  
administering food to babes in Christ. I  
quite agree with him in not understanding  
that the peace of Christ is a sword, & he  
joice that "his still small voice" has united  
in a league of Brotherhood 20,000 English  
with as many Americans. — With respect  
to the unhappy proceedings about the  
printing press & the separation of the  
liberty party from the old Abolitionists, it  
is impossible for me to form an opinion,  
not having an opportunity of following the  
English maxim; "audi alteram partem." I can  
only say that I have a perfect confidence  
that you, Mr. G. & Mr. L. firmly believe that  
the proceedings of the other party were wrong  
& that you have strong grounds for your  
opinion, — also that friends on whose opinion  
I rely much have examined & sifted the mat-  
ter fully & think that you were very ill  
served. — But I can quite imagine that



though many of those concerned in the  
separation were unprincipled, yet that  
there were others who at the time had  
their judgments warped without <sup>any</sup> <sup>deliberate</sup>  
moral principle, & that many may have  
joined the party afterwards who knew  
nothing about the original ground.  
In such a predicament D. P. may have  
been, & I cannot condemn him solely  
because he lectured for Liberty Party.  
He in England are accustomed to regard  
all as Abolitionists who exert themselves  
for the Abolition of Slavery; & that  
surely many of the Liberty Party do  
have done, even unto death, & that such  
men as D. Palfrey are doing, who are  
bearing their testimony to the cause,  
& raising their voices that they <sup>must</sup>  
be heard. I cannot doubt that D. P.  
acted conscientiously when he went into  
congress, nor can I hesitate to believe that



E. B. acted <sup>regard</sup> from a painful sense of  
compulsion, when he said his views. It  
seems to me, my dear Mr. Chapman,  
that we holding strongly Unitarian  
views, should be as unreasonable  
even we to say that there are no  
divisions among us, for that there  
are have always been the sole Duty  
of the Father, & that all are unprin-  
ciple who subscribe the 39 articles,  
as for Mr. L. to say that there are no  
divisions among Abolitionists, I for it  
to be supposed that persons are un-  
principled because they have not  
separated from the Constitution. —

Now you will I doubt not say that I  
do not understand the question; very pro-  
bably I do not, & do not be displeased with  
what I have said. — I am sure you  
will not, as you love sincerity. Be-  
sides that E. B. speaks with the greatest  
respect of Mr. Garrison. — When I see



him next I shall talk to him about  
the language; his sympathies must  
in our efforts to help you in the Bazar.

I am pleased to perceive growing at-  
tention to the A. S. Cause in the writings  
of Americans; most of the recent pam-  
phlets that have reached me from  
friends have stronger views on the  
subject expressed, than heretofore. If  
the Indian question should be agitated  
in our parliament, it must have  
a powerful bearing on your country,  
but I expect that matter never being  
will engross our ministers.

Of public affairs I do willingly  
say much to you, but time forbids  
me. How eagerly do we look at the  
daily papers! I rejoice to hear of a  
periodical which will be a world man.  
I am not disposed to congratulate France  
yet on what many call a glorious revolu-



tion; - two preceding ones have left her  
little better than before; - we have  
yet to see whether she is wiser than  
them, - whether we are to have a  
self seeking monarchy, or a true free  
republic. As yet we see but the be-  
ginning; yet much as I fear from  
the barbaric love of military glory;  
the petulance & the vanity, which are  
but too prominent in the French  
character, I cannot but hope that  
she has learnt some lessons by former  
experience & that she will rise free  
& great. She has begun well in Africa  
black as well as white slavery. -  
I rejoice even more at the signs of  
free spiritual life which are awake  
in Italy, Austria, & Prussia. What  
wonderful lessons our States now  
learning! They are beginning to see  
if their eyes & ears they have not

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And, that man, the image of his  
Maker cannot be trampled on with  
impunity: - that his spirit cannot  
be quenched: - that physical force  
must yield before moral force: -  
that they that take the sword will  
perish by the sword. - & that  
nations & individuals know with  
strong faith that the Lord reigns  
& that he will avenge the neglect  
of his laws sooner or later. -

These words must influence  
the new world: - they may hasten  
the overthrow of the Slave power,  
if it does not perish by a suicidal  
hand, which I must expect. -

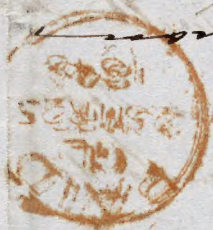


cannot live long. /

But I must conclude. Please  
to excuse the many marks of haste  
in this letter. —

When you have unpacked &

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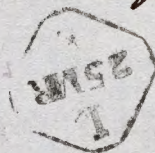
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Gentle Bess, I hope that you or some other  
 will send me a line as I much fear  
 damage for some of the things. My  
 kind regards to her & you from me  
 & she loves myself. Ever yours  
 Mary Carpenter

I think there is a drawing of yourself & Mary  
 in the box, with a cabin & a ship. I like  
 the box to have that.

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